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Romans 10:17

**“Faith, Hearing, and the
Word of God”**

**So then faith
cometh by hearing,
and hearing by
the word of God.**

**THE WORD
OF GOD**

The “say-so” or
approval from God



HEARING

Receiving,
Understanding,
Embracing



FAITH

Total Trust -
Total Belief



The word of God?
Is that “the Bible”?
If so, which one?
Which Bible version is
“**the word of God**”?

What was “the
word of God”
before any Bible
version was written
or before the
development of
the English language.
or before any
human verbal
language existed?

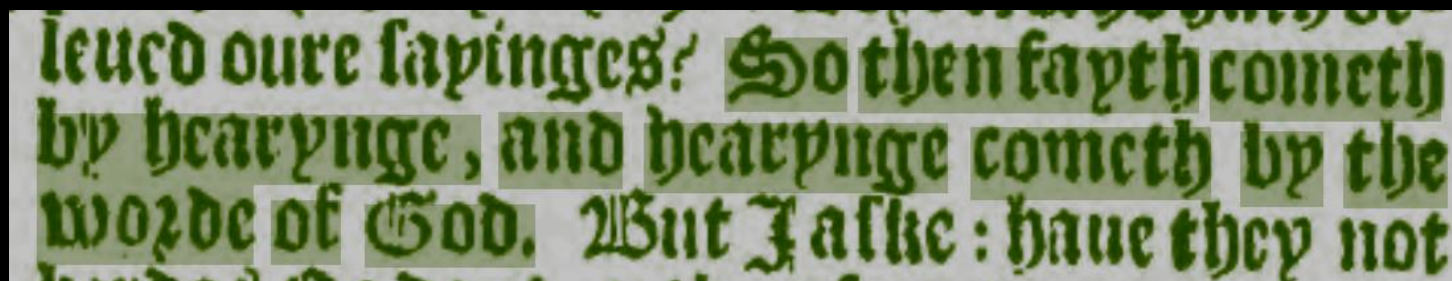
Might “the word of God” mean the **messages** and **principles** of God rather than any book or collection of books?

Could “the word of God” be God’s actual words and spiritual guidelines as opposed to a book of copies of copies and translations of translations which may have undergone many changes over time?

Could “the word of God”
be a **Spirit** such as,
“in the beginning
was **the Word**”?
(John 1:1)

Could it be that
faith is gained from
hearing the words,
teachings, and
doctrines of Creator
(including hearing
truth inaudibly from
within one’s own
spirit or mind)?

Romans 10:17 as found in
The Great Bible, 1540:



leued oure sayinges? So then fayth cometh
by hearynge, and hearynge cometh by the
worde of God. But I aske: haue they not

“So then faith cometh by
hearing, and
hearing **cometh** by the
word of God.”

Here’s potential depth
into this verse:

The AKJV says “...and
hearing by the word of

God.” The Great
Bible says,

“...and **hearing**
cometh by
the word of God.”

It’s not a contradiction,
but it may be a
clarification.

The AKJV seems to say
faith is the result of
hearing “the word of
God”. However, the Great
Bible appears to indicate

that faith comes as the
result of hearing but that
hearing only **comes** as
the result of God's
word—God's
authorization,
say-so, or consent.

It may be that it takes
God's "yes" or God's
"*go-ahead*", or approval
for one to even be
capable of
really
hearing.

God-sanctioned hearing is
not surface or passive.

This hearing is permitted
and directed, or COMES,
as the result of God's
“yes, you may”
(by the word of God).

This means it is God's
action of opening
the way to make possible
the ability for
any human to hear.

This “hearing” is
REAL hearing.

It is hearing that is
ingested and embraced,
which, in turn, leads to
genuine faith.

Another passage is
applicable regarding
“the word” (*in this case*
of Christ) as used to mean
authority or the spiritual
right-of-way.

Matthew 8:5-10, 13:
⁵ And when Jesus
was entered into
Capernaum, there

came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, ⁶ And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. ⁷ And Jesus saith unto him, **I will come and heal him.** ⁸ The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speake the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

⁹ For I am a man under **authority**, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. ¹⁰ When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, **Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.** ¹³ And

Jesus said unto the centurion, **Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.** And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

In this passage from Matthew, we see the same trio—“authority” (the word), “speak” (hearing), and, “as thou hast believed” (faith).

Here’s a way to understand what

Romans 10:17 may
be conveying:
Faith comes from
hearing, but God has
to open a person's
spiritual ears.
God has to give the
approval so they can
really-really hear.



There is a connection.

“Faith”, “hearing”,
and the phrase, “the
word of God” may
have layers
of meaning.